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ABSTRACT

A method for limiting Internet access via the World Wide Web is disclosed. The method may be used to help provide a safe Internet experience for children, to help enforce business practices with respect to the World Wide Web, and analogous purposes.

- 5 Rather than relying on lists or content filtering, which can provide an unnatural and/or ineffective browsing experience, the method instead allows a computer owner or administrator to specify a "Navigation Boundary", similar in nature to a fence, with respect to a particular domain, and subsequently allow browser navigation only within that boundary. The boundary substantially follows the "hyperlink contours" of the domain, and
- 10 thus is deterministic in nature, such that users do not substantially experience the effect of randomly being denied access to a site. Additionally, the user may graphically view his or her location with respect to the boundary.